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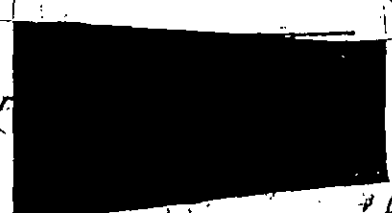
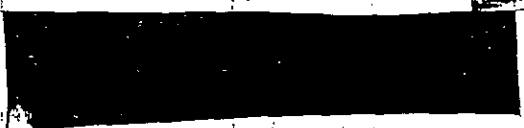
SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS RELATED TO THE US STAND ON HUMAN RIGHTS
(13 - 19 January 1978)



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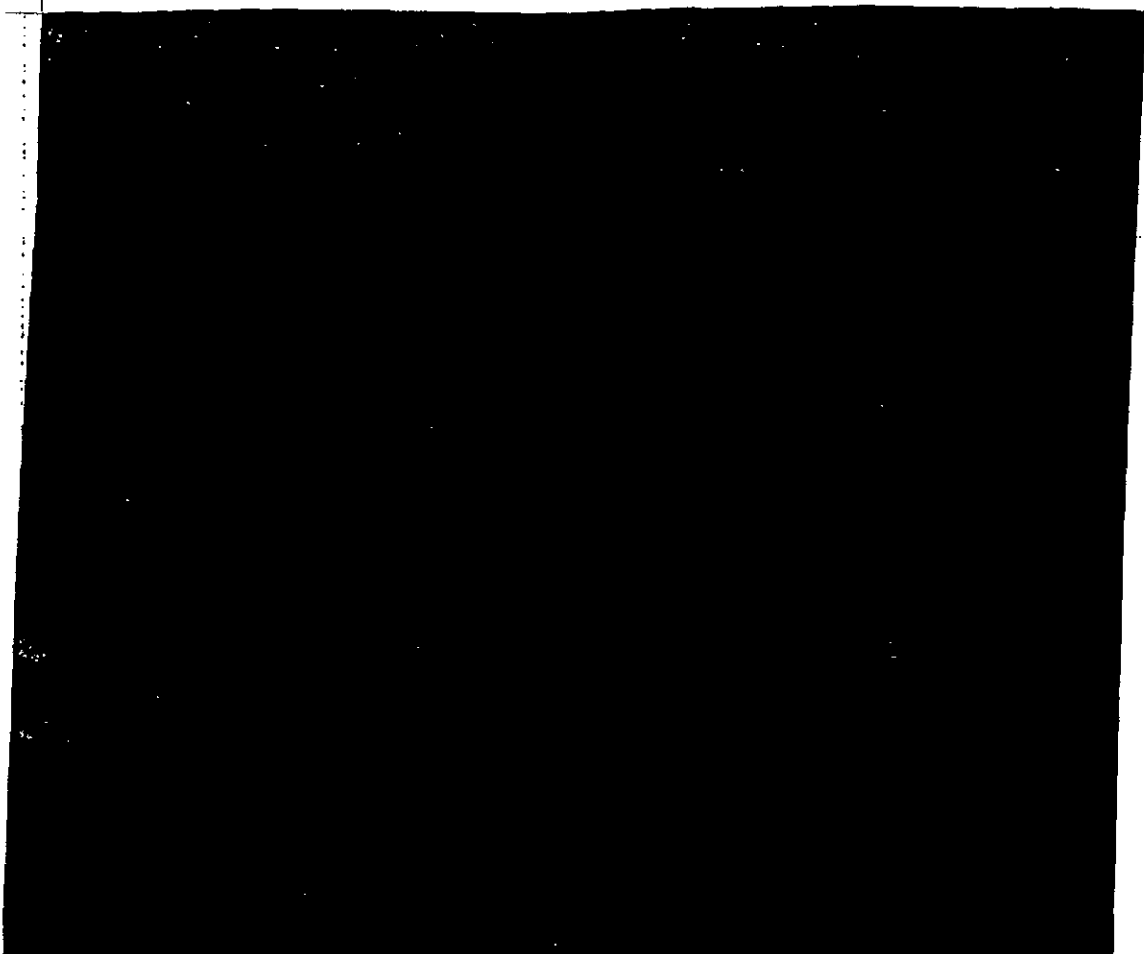
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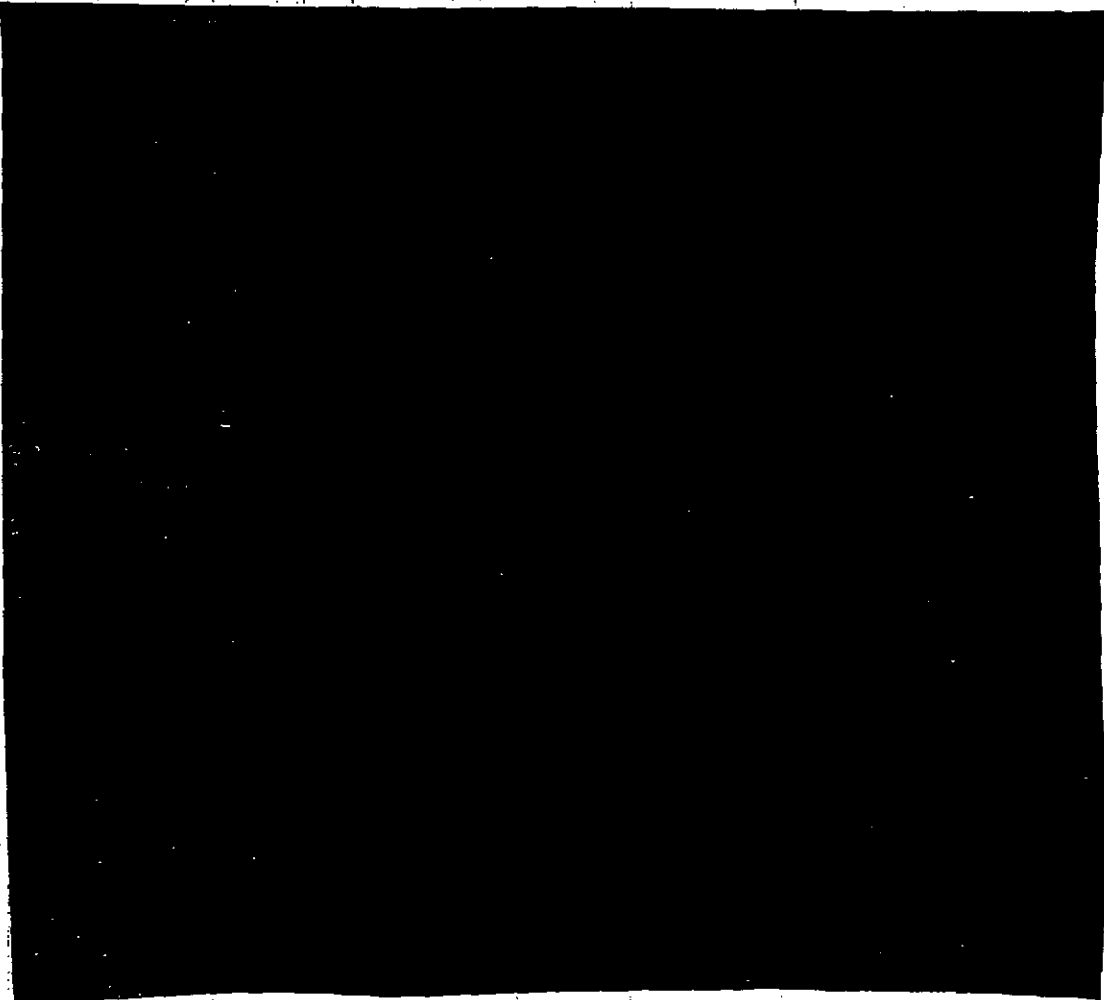
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-- Chilean police arrested 12 Christian Democratic Party leaders on January 12, charging them with conducting an illegal political meeting. Two days later the group was banished to the remote northern part of the country. Other Christian Democratic leaders are concerned about the severity of the punishment, especially since the health of several of the detainees might be jeopardized by the harsh northern climate. Although the government's action, carried out with full knowledge of the media, may be the first hint of a crackdown on all political

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activity, it is more likely a warning that only a limited amount of such activity will be tolerated. Meanwhile, three women, who had earlier been denied reentry to Chile, returned to the country without incident on January 18. The women had sought international assistance to force the Chilean government to release information on the fate of missing persons in the country.



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